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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *aa*

RE: Site Inspection, Ridgepoint Mining Company, Duke Project, S/037/096, San Juan County, Utah

Date of Inspection: November 5, 1997  
Time of Inspection: 1026 - 1118  
Conditions: Mostly sunny, warm  
Participants: Will Stokes, SITLA: Tony Gallegos and Tom Munson, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine the project site while in the area

Access to the site is via the paved road to the Wind Whistle Campground. There are other roads which access the area which are signed on the main paved road as Rockland Ranch. The mine site is located near Hatch Rock, which is the main site of the Rockland Ranch area. Upon our arrival, there was no one present at the mine site.

Structures or facilities present at the mine site at this time include a camp trailer, fuel tank, porta potty, a blue semitrailer, a trommel unit, and a small dozer. The disturbances include a pond excavation, a scalped area, topsoil stockpiled on the western edge, several backhoe excavations and the processing area. The scalped area is approximately 370 feet by 250 feet in size.

Shortly after our arrival about 10:33, a pickup truck and a backhoe on a flatbed truck arrived at the site. Driving these vehicles were Vern Shumway and Chance Shumway, of Poor Boy Mining and Construction Company out of Monticello. Vern explained that they had been hired by the operator to set up the equipment and perform some of the actual mining work. Mr. Shumway explained the general workings of the project as he understood them and what had taken place to date. He informed us that a water well had been drilled on some of the adjacent property; property that was probably leased by the Rockland Ranch. A line from the water well came over into the project site and into the pond excavation. Mr. Shumway expected they would need to get a tank for process water rather than using the pond.

At this time, there were no concerns with the site. The project appears to be following the mine plan. Several photographs were taken to document the project status.

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